

## **Instruction Manual**

# **VWR™ Power Source™ 300V Electrophoresis Power Supply**

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# Warning

## Federal Communications Commission Advisory

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at their expense. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

# Safety Information

## Avoiding Electrical Shock

The Power Source 300V Power Supply produces an output of up to 300 volts which are electrically isolated from ground to reduce the risk of electrical shock to the user. Please follow the guidelines below, and read this manual in its entirety to ensure safe operation of the unit. The 300V Power Supply has been designed for use with electrophoresis gel box systems with shielded banana plugs thus minimizing any potential shock hazard to the user. Always use gel box systems that are compatible with the Power Supply, have been designed for your specific applications, and are suitable for the voltage and current range of the Power Supply. Always use gel box systems that have safety lids to prevent accidental electric shocks to the user. VWR recommends against the use of gel box systems and/or power leads that have unshielded banana plugs.



**To avoid electrical shock:**

1. NEVER connect or disconnect wire leads from the power jacks when the red indicator light at the Start/Stop key is on or when "RUNNING" is displayed on the screen.
2. WAIT at least 5 seconds after stopping a run before handling output leads or connected apparatus.
3. ALWAYS make sure that hands, work area, and instruments are **clean** and **dry** before making any connections or operating the power supply.
4. ONLY connect the power supply to a properly grounded AC outlet.



## Avoiding Damage to the Instrument

1. For proper ventilation, leave at least 10 cm of space behind the instrument, and at least 5 cm of space on each side.
2. Do not operate the power supply in high humidity environments (> 95%), or where condensation may occur.
3. To avoid condensation after operating the power supply in a cold room, seal the unit in a plastic bag and allow at least 2 hours for the unit to equilibrate to room temperature before removing the bag and operating the unit.

## Symbols



Used on the 300V Power Supply to indicate an area where a potential shock hazard may exist.

## Package Contents

Component	Quantity
300V Power Supply	1 each
Instruction Manual	1 each
Extra Fuse	1 each
Power Cord	1 each
Warranty Card	1 each
Quick Reference Card	1 each

## Upon Receiving the Instrument

Examine the unit carefully for any damage incurred during transit. Any damage claims must be filed with the carrier. The warranty does not cover in-transit damage.



To ensure safe, reliable operation, always operate the 300V Power Supply in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Always wear protective gloves and safety glasses when working in a laboratory environment. See Safety Information and Warranty Information in this manual.

# Product Specifications

## Power Source <sup>TM</sup> 300V Power Supply Specifications

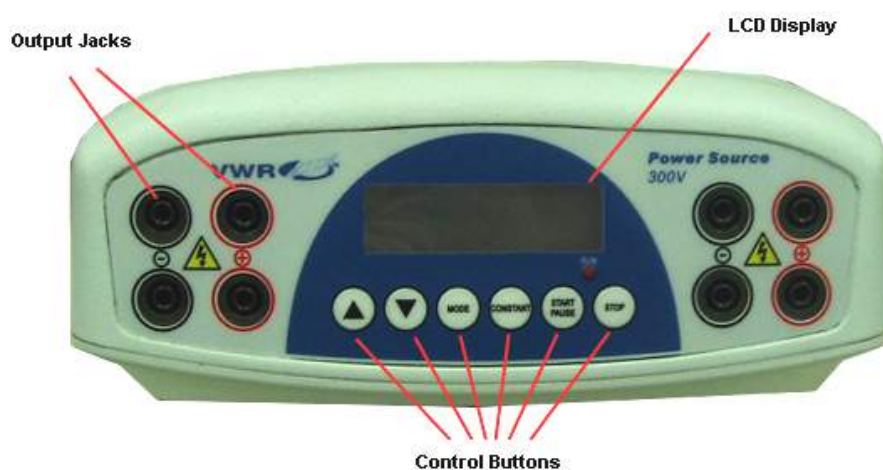
Input Power (switchable)	110 VAC, 50-60 Hz 230 VAC, 50-60 Hz
Fuses	One 4A/250V, one extra fuse is provided
Output power in watts	90 watts
Output voltage range	2~300V
Output current range	4~500 mA
Duration Limits Time	~1min - 99hr 59min
Terminal pairs	4 (4 positive voltage and 4 negative voltage)
Operating Modes	
Constant Voltage	1V increment settings
Constant Current	1 mA increment settings
Crossover	Automatic
Display type	Backlit LCD Graphic type
Display size	53.64 x 15.64 mm (W x H)
Pause function	Yes
Safety features	No Load Detection Load Change Detection Overload Detection Ground Leak Detection Auto Restart
Stackable	Yes
Housing material	Flame retardant ABS
Housing size	200 x 290 x 70 mm (W x D x H)
Operating temp.	0°C-40°C
Environmental condition	85% RH, 75 KPa-106 Kpa, Altitude not to exceed 2000 meters
Weight	1.2 kg
Certifications	CE, RoHS, ETL, CSA
Warranty	2 years

## Overview

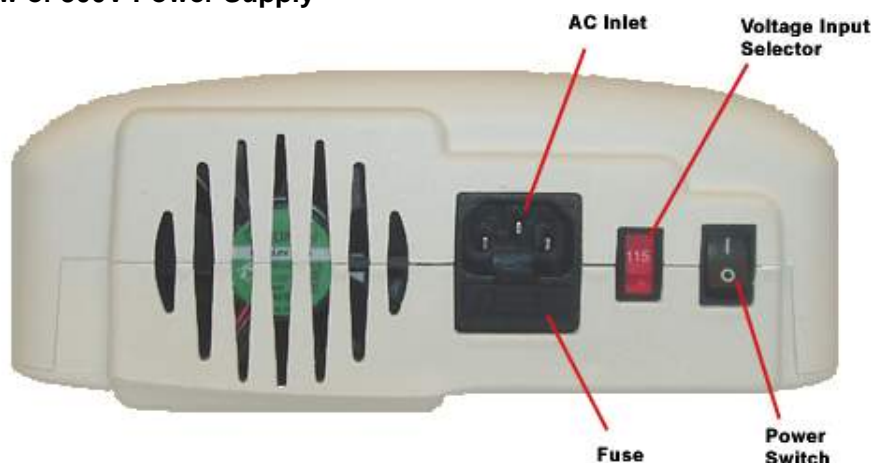
The Power Source™ 300V Power Supply is a microprocessor-controlled power supply designed to meet most electrophoresis needs in a single, easy to use unit. The power supply is capable of running constant voltage / constant current applications concurrently. This instrument is ideal for DNA/RNA electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, native PAGE, and second-dimension SDS-PAGE applications. With four sets of output jacks that can be used simultaneously, the 300V Power Supply is designed to efficiently handle multiple electrophoresis gel tanks and use a small amount of lab space. The 300V Power Supply offers two modes, Constant Voltage or Constant Current Mode. This manual describes the setup and operation of the 300V Power Supply including important information on safety and maintenance of the unit.

## Description of Buttons and Switches

### Front View of 300V Power Supply



### Rear View of 300V Power Supply



## Operational keys

Key	Functions
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**STOP** key: Used to stop operation from the **Running Screen**



**START/PAUSE** key: Used to start operation / temporarily interrupt power to an operation in progress without terminating electrophoresis and to resume power after pausing without resetting the timer.



**CONSTANT** key: Used to set up constant voltage or current values



**MODE** key: Used to choose either Constant Voltage or Constant Current mode



**Down Arrow** key: Used to move cursor down between parameters and to decrease numeric values



**Up Arrow** key: Used to move cursor up between parameters and to increase numeric values

## Getting Started

### Installing the 300V Power Supply

1. Check the label located near the AC inlet to ensure that the unit is compatible with locally provided voltage.
2. Place the 300V Power Supply on a level laboratory bench. Keep the area around the power supply clear to ensure proper ventilation of the unit.
3. **For your safety:** Position the unit properly such that the **On-Off** switch and the AC inlet located on the rear of the unit are easily accessible.
4. Ensure the AC power switch is in the **Off** position.
5. Attach the power cord to the AC inlet. Use only properly grounded AC outlets and power cords.
6. Connect the leads from the electrophoresis unit; insert the red lead (+) into the red output jack, and the black lead (-) into the black output jack.

## Important Guidelines

Important guidelines for operating the 300V Power Supply are provided in this section. We recommend that you carefully review these guidelines before operating the instrument.



**Important:** For best results, do **NOT** use the 300V Power Supply at its maximum electrical load limits. Variations in buffer conditions can result in exceeding the power supply's maximum voltage, current, or power output capacity and produce undesirable variations in electrophoretic separations.

## General Operating Instructions

Follow the instructions below to operate the 300V Power Supply.

- Turn on the 300V Power Supply by pressing the power switch on the rear side of the instrument. Upon start-up, the **Display Screen** on the front of the instrument will illuminate.
- Use the **START/PAUSE** and **STOP** keys to switch on and off the power to the output jacks.

## Recommendation

The duration of electrophoresis can be defined in time (hours/minutes). When using this or any electrophoresis product, we recommend that you adhere to the time protocols provided in protocol and application manuals.



**Important:** For best results, follow these important guidelines when running multiple gels and electrophoresis units concurrently.

- Avoid running samples with differing buffer salt concentrations at the same time.

**Note:** Variations in conductivity due to differences in buffer salt concentrations can affect the run of all the samples run at the same time.

## Operation

The 300V Power Supply is designed to operate under two modes, **Constant Voltage Mode** or **Constant Current Mode**, depending upon your electrophoresis application.

Use the **Constant Voltage / Current Mode** for applications that require only one specific voltage limit or current limit during the entire duration of electrophoresis.

## Display Screen

The **Display Screen** illuminates after turning on the power to your instrument and the factory default settings (or last settings used) will be displayed. You can choose the operational Mode (**Constant Voltage** or **Constant Current Mode**) by pressing the “constant” button.



- On the **Display Screen**:
  - The chosen constant parameter (Voltage or Current) is displayed in bold on the left side of the display.
  - The Timer is the first line on the right-top, and the non-constant value is displayed in the second line on the right side of the display screen.

## Choosing Limiting Parameter Settings

The 300V Power Supply is capable of operating at limiting voltage, or limiting current. We recommend operating the 300V Power Supply at limiting voltage for most applications. See below for more details.

### Voltage Limiting

For most electrophoresis methods, resistance increases during the run. Limiting the voltage provides the following advantages:

- The same voltage setting can be used regardless of the number or thickness of gels being processed.
- Current and power output decrease throughout the run, providing a greater margin of safety over time.

### Current Limiting

Discontinuous buffer systems and, to a lesser extent, continuous systems increase resistance during the run. If you use the current limiting setting on the 300V Power Supply, the voltage will increase as resistance increases to satisfy Ohm's law ( $V=IR$ ). If no voltage limit is set and a local fault condition occurs, such as a poor connection, very high local resistance may cause the voltage to increase to the maximum capacity of the power supply. This may lead to local overheating and damage to the electrophoresis running tank or create unsafe conditions.

When operating under constant current conditions, set a voltage limit on the power supply at or slightly above the maximum expected voltage.

### Basic Constant Operation Protocol

The **Constant Voltage** and **Constant Current Modes** allow you to specify a voltage limit, and current limit to be used continuously during the entire duration of electrophoresis. Review the guidelines provided in this manual before starting electrophoresis.

A basic **Constant Voltage / Current Mode** operating procedure of the 300V Power Supply is provided below. We recommend reading the guidelines provided in this manual for best results before starting an operation.

1. Use the power switch on the rear side of the instrument to turn on the 300V Power Supply.

The **Display Screen** will illuminate.

2. Press the **CONSTANT** key to select either **Constant Voltage Operation** or **Constant Current Operation** from the **Display Screen**.
3. Use the Up Arrow / Down Arrow keys to set either voltage (V) or current (mA) parameters to the appropriate values.
4. Press the **MODE** key to choose the TIME parameter, and use the Up Arrow / Down Arrow keys to set the duration (hours/minutes) of the electrophoresis run.
5. Press **START/PAUSE** key to start electrophoresis.
6. Press the **START/PAUSE** key again to temporarily interrupt power. The red "Run" LED will flash to indicate that the electrophoresis run is paused. Pressing the **START/PAUSE** key again will restart the electrophoresis run.
7. Press the **STOP** key to permanently stop the electrophoresis run (the timer will reset).
8. To change the limits (Voltage or Amperage) of the electrophoresis run in progress: Press the **Mode** key. Enter the changes using the Up Arrow / Down Arrow keys, and then press **START/PAUSE** key once again to restart your operation.

**Note:** After stopping (using the STOP key) and restarting an operation, the timer resets and does not take into account the time that electrophoresis was in progress before it was stopped.

# Troubleshooting

Review the information in the table below to troubleshoot operating problems.

Problem	Cause	Solution
The LCD screen remains blank and the fan does not run when the power is turned on	AC power cord is not connected	Check AC power cord connections at both ends. Use the correct cords.
	The fuse has blown	Replace the fuse
Operation stops with alarm: The screen displays <b>"NO LOAD"</b>	Electrophoresis leads are not connected to the power supply or to the electrophoresis unit(s), or there is a broken circuit in the electrophoresis cell	Check the connections to the power supply and on your electrophoresis cell to make sure the connection is intact; check condition of wires in electrophoresis unit. Close the circuit by reconnecting the cables. Press <b>START/PAUSE</b> to restart the run.
	High resistance due to tape left on a pre-cast gel, incorrect buffer concentration, or incorrect buffer volumes in the electrophoresis cell	Correct the condition by making sure the tape is removed from the pre-cast gel, buffers are prepared correctly, and the recommended volume of buffer is added to the electrophoresis unit.
	High voltage application is set to run on a very low current	DISABLE No Load alarm on the Display Screen
Operation stops with alarm: Display shows <b>"OVER VOLTAGE"</b>	Circuit is interrupted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the running buffer is correct.</li> <li>• Verify the all cables are attached correctly</li> <li>• Turn the Power switch off and on again; restart application.</li> <li>• If you cannot restart the instrument, turn off the power, disconnect the power cord from the outlet, and contact Technical Service.</li> </ul>
Operation stops with alarm: Display shows <b>"LEAKAGE"</b>	Ground leak detected during run	Check the electrophoresis system for improper grounding. Restart the power supply by turning the Power switch off and on.
Operation stops with alarm: Display shows <b>"OVER TEMP"</b>	Power supply is overheating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turn off power supply. Check for sufficient airflow around the power supply fan. After cooling down, restart the power supply by turning the Power switch to the on position.</li> <li>• If you cannot restart the instrument, turn off the power, disconnect the power cord from the outlet, and contact Technical Service.</li> </ul>

## Repair and Maintenance of 300V Power Supply

The 300V Power Supply requires no periodic maintenance program with the exception of an occasional dry wipe-down of the instrument.

### Encountering Problems

1. Check the troubleshooting section.
2. Contact VWR's Technical Service Department. Their contact information in your area can be found at [www.vwr.com](http://www.vwr.com).
3. If the unit must be shipped back for repair, contact your distributor for a Return Authorization Number and shipping instructions. The unit will be repaired as quickly as possible and returned to you.

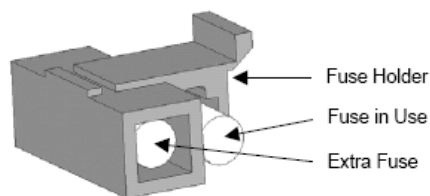
### Replacing the Fuse

One extra fuse is supplied with the 300V Power Supply. For additional fuses, contact VWR's Technical Service department.

To replace the fuse:



1. Turn off the main power switch at the rear of the 300V Power Supply and detach the power cord.
  2. Open the fuse compartment located inside the Power Entry Module by inserting a small flat blade screwdriver into the slot below the ON/OFF switch. Turn the screwdriver to gently pry open the fuse compartment.
- Note:** The fuse compartment will not open with the power cord in place.
3. Pull the fuse holder out of the compartment and inspect the fuse. If the fuse is burned or there is a break in the fuse element, replace the fuse with an identical type of fuse (**4A/250V**) as provided in the fuse holder (see figure below).
  4. Place the fuse holder back into the compartment.
  5. Snap the cover closed.



## APPENDIX

### Ohm's Law Conversions

Electrophoresis is the migration of a charged particle under the influence of an electrical field.

The power supply output parameters voltage, current, and power are related by the following two equations:

Voltage (V) = Current (I) x Resistance (R); ( $V=IR$ )

Power (W) = Current (I) x Voltage (V); ( $W=IV$ )

### Resistance

Resistance of the assembled electrophoresis cell is dependent on the conductivity of the gel buffer, the thickness of the gel, and the number of gels being run. Although the resistance is determined by the gel system, the resistance can vary over the course of an electrophoretic separation.

### Voltage

The velocity with which an ion moves in an electric field will vary in proportion to the field strength (volts per unit distance). The higher the voltage the faster an ion will move.

### Current

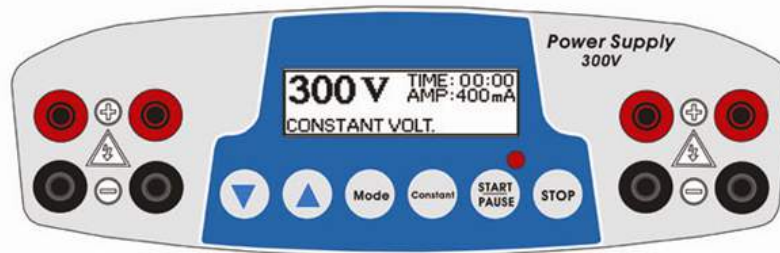
Current is a function of the number of ions passing a given cross-section of the circuit at a given time. For a given gel/buffer system, at a given temperature, current will vary in proportion to the field strength (voltage) and/or cross-sectional area (number and/or thickness of the gels).

### Power

The power in Watts, or the rate of heat generated by the system, is directly proportional to voltage and current ( $W=IV$ ).

## Flowchart

The flowchart below describes the various screens displayed on the 300V Power Supply and the keys used to navigate through the screens



1. Switch on Main Power Switch

300 V TIME: 00:00  
AMP: 400 mA  
Last used settings are displayed.

2. Press **Constant** to choose Constant Volt or amperage

300 V TIME: 00:00  
AMP: 400 mA  
400 mA TIME: 00:00  
VOLT: 300 V

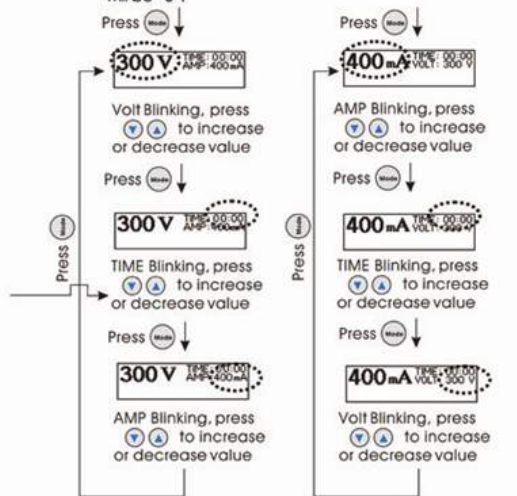
Choosing constant Volt, the Volt setting will be large. Amperage defaults to "maximum setting" and Time will be "0".

Choosing constant Amp, the Amp setting will be large. Volt will be "maximum value" and Time will be "0".

3. Press **Mode** to choose Volt; Time or Amp. to adjust setting.

☆ Time set to 00:00 means "continuous" and the timer will count up. Time can be set for 00:01 - 99:99. The timer will count down until time is up and then stop the power supply.

☆ Parameters will blink for 5 sec. After 5 sec., if you don't press any key, the parameters will stop blinking and the value will be entered.



4. Press **START PAUSE** to start the power supply, the parameters will stop blinking and the "run" LED will illuminate.

5. Press **START PAUSE** again to pause power supply, "run" LED will flash,

4. Press **STOP** to stop the power supply, the "run" LED will be off.

# Technical Service

## Web Resources

Visit the VWR's website at [www.vwr.com](http://www.vwr.com) for:

- Complete technical service contact information.
- Access to VWR's Online Catalog, and information about accessories and related products.
- Additional product information and special offers.

**Contact Us** For information or technical assistance contact your local VWR representative or visit. [www.vwr.com](http://www.vwr.com).

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## Warranty

**VWR International, Inc.** warrants that this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of two (2) years from date of purchase. If a defect is present, VWR will, at its option, repair, replace, or refund the purchase price of this product at no charge to you, provided it is returned during the warranty period. This warranty does not apply if the product has been damaged by accident, abuse, misuse, or misapplication, or from ordinary wear and tear.

For your protection, items being returned must be insured against possible damage or loss. This warranty shall be limited to the replacement of defective products. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED THAT THIS WARRANTY WILL BE IN LIEU OF ALL WARRANTIES OF FITNESS AND IN LIEU OF THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY.

For research use only. Not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic use.

## Equipment disposal



This equipment is marked with the crossed out wheeled bin symbol to indicate that this equipment must not be disposed of with unsorted waste.

Instead it's your responsibility to correctly dispose of your equipment at lifecycle -end by handling it over to an authorized facility for separate collection and recycling. It's also your responsibility to decontaminate the equipment in case of biological, chemical and/or radiological contamination, so as to protect from health hazards the persons involved in the disposal and recycling of the equipment.

For more information about where you can drop off your waste of equipment, please contact your local dealer from whom you originally purchased this equipment.

By doing so, you will help to conserve natural and environmental resources and you will ensure that your equipment is recycled in a manner that protects human health.

Thank you